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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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HONGKONG.

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For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
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T. JACKSON,
Acting Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ADOLF STRACK in our Firm Ceased on the 31st December, 1876.

Mr CHARLES KATZ is admitted a Partner from the 1st January, 1877.

DETJEN & CO.

Hongkong, January 26, 1877. ja28

NOTICE.

M. R. FERDINAND NIISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

Mr NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorized to sign for us by Procuration.

We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. sp2

NOTICE.

M. R. LUDWIG SIEGMUND LUTZENS is authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration.

W. PUSTAU & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

M. R. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU, Junr., is authorized to sign our Firm.

W. PUSTAU & CO.

Hongkong, December 23, 1876. fe1

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of the late Mr J. C. KUEZI ceased with his death at Yokohama on the 27th of August last, and the Business will be carried on as heretofore and under the same Style and Firm by our Mr H. KUHN-MANN.

Mr RICHARD SCHÖNBINGER has been authorized to sign the Firm.

KRUSE & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

M. R. H. C. ERDMANN has been admitted a Partner in our Firm, and Mr ALFRED HERRZ has been authorized to sign for us per Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe3

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the Name or Style of H. KLEER & Co.

H. KLEER.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRUICKSHANK,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the Firm of G. RAYNAL & Co. at this Port, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

GUSTAV RAYNAL,

CARL MILISCH.

Macao, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of VISCOUNT DE CEPAX in our Firm ceased from the 1st April 1876.

A. A. DE MELLO & Co.

Macao, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself at this Port under my own name as GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

O. KEES.

Canton, January 9, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late MR. ALFRED HUTCHISON in our Firm Ceased on the 26th February 1876.

DEACON & CO.

Canton, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MISTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

O. J. MESTERN,

W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr CHARLES BEWICK QUELCH in our Firm Ceased on the 30th September, 1876.

The Business will be Continued under the Style of CAMPBELL & CO.

QUELCH & CAMPBELL.

Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Firm of J. D. MEYER & FEHR will from this Date be carried on as heretofore under the Style of J. D. MEYER & CO.

Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

M. R. EBELL has this Day been admitted a PARTNER in my Firm at Swatow and Holow, which in future will be carried on under the Name or Style of "HEIRON, EBELL & CO."

EDWARD HERTON.

Swatow-Holow, January 1, 1877. fe19

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 20th February next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1876, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers,

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 32, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 2 o'clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 16th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 16th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 16, 1877. fe16

Intimations.

SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,

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COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH

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Hongkong, May 1, 1877. fe18

Intimations.

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Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

HONGKONG.

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TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap23

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H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,

Governor of Hongkong;

and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS

OF RUSSIA.

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INSURANCES.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS POUNDS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or Coal in Matches, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposal or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1871.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

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Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

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NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents,

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 30% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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ESTABLISHED 1869.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
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His Majesty King George The First,
A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

By Dept.

Policies issued for small not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 23, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, October 14, 1876.

Mails.



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Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;

Also,

Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship KHIVA, Captain LEE, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. MOYER, Superintendent,
Hongkong, January 22, 1877.

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TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC," will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 31st Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent,
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

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PACIFIC MAIL SHIPMENT COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.

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Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsu Blishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Island Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

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G. B. EMORY, Agent,
Hongkong, January 15, 1877.

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Hongkong, February 29, 1876.

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The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office, Penang on or before the 1st of March next.

For further information apply to the Secretaries to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

Intimations.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situated between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.

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For further information apply to the Secretaries to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. O. PRESGRAVE,
Municipal Secretary.

Penang, Municipal Office, The 21st September, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of twice-weekly as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

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Intimations.

OAKEY'S WELLINGTON KNIFE POLISH
PREPARED EXPRESSLY FOR THE PATENT KNIFE CLEANING MACHINES, INDIA RUBBER KNIVES, LEATHER KNIVES, &c., & KNIVES CONSTANTLY COVERED WITH IT HAVE A BRILLIANT POLISH EQUAL TO NEW CUTLERY. PACKETS 3d. EACH; AND TINS, 2d. 1d., 1½d. AND 4d. EACH.

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Intimations.

**Dysentery, Cholera, Fever,
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CHLORODYNE**
(Ex Army Med. Staff)
IS THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY
GENUINE.

CAUTION.—Vice-Chancellor Sir W. P. Wood stated that Dr. Collis Browne was undoubtedly the Inventor of Chlorodyne, that the story of the Defendant, Freeman, that the Inventor was deliberately untrue; while he regretted that had been sworn to. Eminent Hospital Physicians of London stated that Dr. J. Collis Browne was the discoverer of Chlorodyne; that they prescribe it largely, and mean no other than Dr. Browne's.—See Times, July 12, 1864.

The public, therefore, are cautioned against using any other than

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GRATEFUL—COMFORTING.

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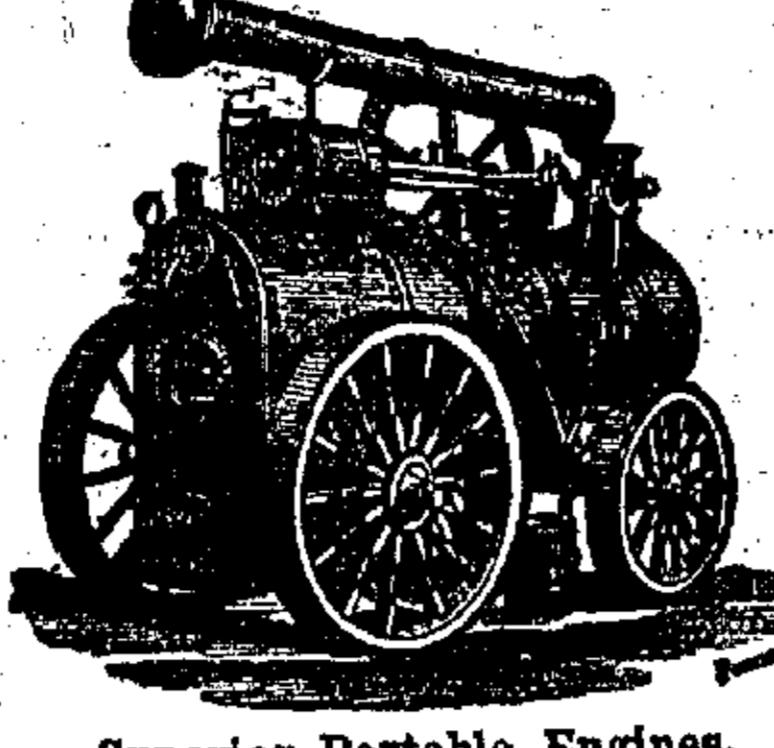
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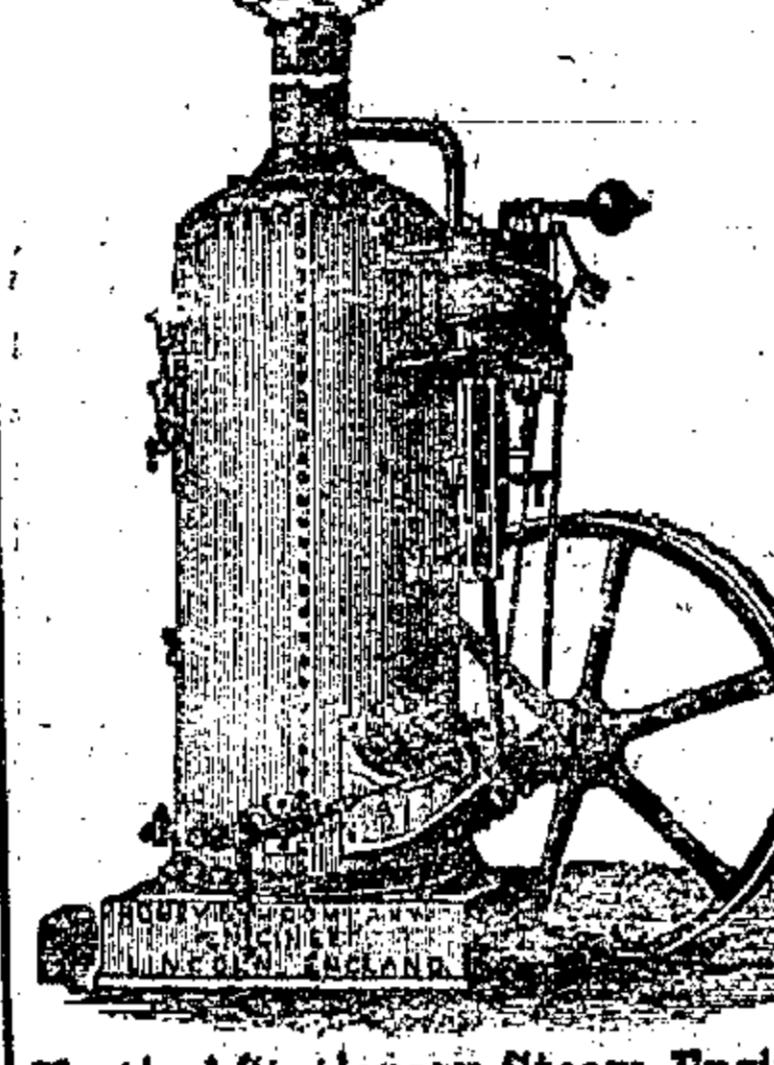
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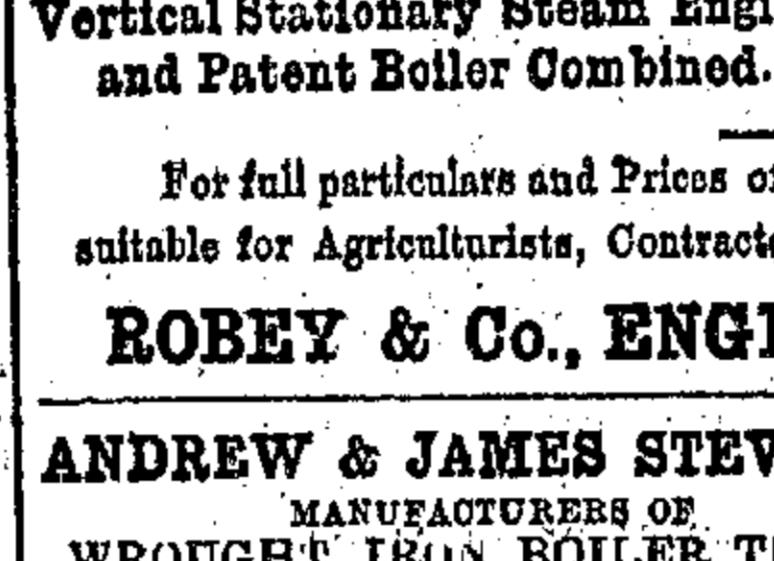
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Tickets may be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. on and after Wednesday, February 14th.

CHAS. C. COHEN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1877. fe20

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

VEST, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks, Melchers & Co.

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FLYING CLOUD, British barque, Captain H. Williams—Turner & Co.

IRENE, German schooner, Captain O. Hansen—Carlowitz & Co.

HANTS COUNTY, British barque, Captain G. W. Cochran—Mayer & Co.

CEYLON, American bark, Capt. E. Kelly.

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Blaker—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Captain D. Bradford—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 27, Bonita, German schooner, 841, H. Stein, Choocho Jan. 17, General—EDWARD SCHELLHAAS & CO.

Jan. 27, Flushing, British steamer, 1243, J. Thomas, Hioo Jan. 20, General—H. KIEB.

Jan. 27, Ching-po, Chinese gun-boat, from Canton.

Jan. 27, Yangtze, British steamer, 782, E. Schultz, Shanghai Jan. 24, General SIEMSEN & CO.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 27, Garibaldi, for Tournon.

27, Nautilus, Ger. g.-b., for a Cruise.

27, Bonita, for Whampoa.

27, Gustav Adolf, for Tientsin.

27, Marquis of Argyll, for Saigon.

CLEARED.

Colombia, for Saigon.

Fortune, for Bangkok.

San Lorenzo, for Manila.

Charlito, for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Yangtze, from Shanghai, 1 European cabin and 2 deck, and 32 Chinese.

Per Bonita, from Choocho, 4 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Garibaldi, for Tournon, 80 Chinese.

Per Marquis of Argyll, for Saigon, 4 Europeans and 18 Chinese.

TO DRAFT.

Per Charlito, for Manila, 2 Manillan.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque Bonita reports:

Calls and light winds.

The British steamer Yangtze reports:

Left Shanghai on the 24th inst., passed

the English Mail the same night at 8, off Tungting, bound North. On the 27th at daybreak passed the Chinese steamer *Jiuyao* of Chelang Point. Very fresh monsoon throughout with hazy and rainy weather. Arrived at Hongkong at 4 p.m. the 27th.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close!—

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Raja Anantianuhar*, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 30th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *KHIVA*, will be despatched with the Mail for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 1st February.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 31st Inst.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except for the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 1st Inst.—

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters, Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra to Postage till

11 A.M., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, January 22, 1877. fel

THE S. S. *GAELO*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 1st February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post-Office closes.

2.30 p.m., Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 p.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American Stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

General Post Office, Hongkong, January 10, 1877. fel

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *AVIA*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 8th February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, February 7.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except for the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, February 8.—

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, Saigon, or Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, January 25, 1877. fe8

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, January 30.—

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at the residence of Messrs Heard & Co., Caine Road.

4 p.m.—Francis J. leaves for Saigon on about this date.

WEDNESDAY, January 31.—

11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Govt. Store. Goods per *Amazons* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

THURSDAY, February 1.—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

FRIDAY, February 2.—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, February 3.—

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at No. 84, Hollywood Road.

Transfer Books of the China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 16th February, inclusive.

TUESDAY, February 6.—

Transfer Books of the H. K. Fire Insur-

ance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 20th February, included.

SATURDAY, February 10.—

Genroy leaves for London on or about this date.

THURSDAY, February 18.—

8 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Tokyo and San Francisco.

FRIDAY, February 16.—

9 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 38, Queen's Road.

MONDAY, February 19.—

9 p.m.—Amateur Dramatic Club Performances at the City Hall.

TUESDAY, February 20.—

8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 38, Queen's Road.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:—

St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—The Right Reverend Bishop of Victoria; Rev. R. Hayward Kidd, Colonial Chaplain. On the First and Third Sundays in each Month—At 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, Sermon and Celebration of the Holy Communion. On the Second and Fourth Sundays in each Month—At 4 p.m., Evening Prayer, Litany and Sermon. On all Holy Days:—At 8 a.m., celebration of the Holy Communion.

MILITARY SERVICE.—Rev. W. H. Baynes M.A.—At 8 a.m., Morning Prayer and Litany alternately, Sermon and Celebration of the Holy Communion every Sunday.

UNION CHURCH.—Minister, Rev. James Lamont. Morning Service, at 11 A.M. Afternoon, 6 p.m.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.—Rev. W. H. Baynes M.A.—At 5 p.m., Service in the German language, by Pastor E. Klitzke, every Sunday, at half-past ten A.M., in the Chapel of the Berlin Founding House, West Point.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE CHAPEL.—On Wednesdays: at 6 p.m., Evening Prayer (shortened form), and exposition of Scripture.

ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION CHURCH.—Rev. A. B. Hutchinson, and Rev. Lo-Sam Yuen. (All Services in Chinese.) Morning Prayer:—Litany, Anti-Communion, and Sermon, at 11 A.M. Bible Class, at 3 p.m. Preaching, at 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sunday in Chinese month.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JAN. 2

It will be seen from our Shipping List, that there were only seven steamers in the Harbour at noon to-day. We never remember having seen so few here before. On the corresponding day last year there were 24, and the previous year 17. The sailing vessels now in the Harbour are also very few.

In the Supreme Court yesterday, Mr Ernest Grölier, of 31 Queen's Road, Lithographer, petitioned for adjudication to be a bankrupt, ascribing his failure to pressure by his creditors. The petition was granted, and the first meeting of creditors was appointed for the 9th February next. Mr Dennis appeared for the bankrupt.

A NEW twin screw steamer for the Chinese Government was launched this afternoon at Captain Sands' Slip. Her dimensions are—length over all, 90 feet; beam, 15 feet; depth of hold, 5 feet; gross tonnage, 70. Her Engines are 23 H. P., and her contract speed 11 knots. She is rams bowed and is intended for a Customs cruiser. When she left the ways she was christened the *Le-She* by Miss Hopkins, daughter of the Captain of the *Rajah-natiawar*. Another vessel is in course of construction by the same firm, intended to trade in the South Pacific Islands.

A CORRESPONDENT calls attention to a kind of obstruction which deserves the notice of the Police. Groups of boys and sometimes of grown-up men are to be seen playing shuttlecock right in the middle of the public streets, to the inconvenience and danger of pedestrians, as an accidental kick from the foot of the player is by no means improbable. The correspondent says, "If street hawkers who merely put down their baskets on the side of a street are to be hauled up and fined, surely those who monopolise a whole section of a street should be held to account." We think the complaint is a reasonable one, and though out-door exercise is healthy, a more convenient place than a public thoroughfare should be selected for shuttlecock playing.

The attention of a great many residents has no doubt been attracted during the last week or two by the picture of a man's head, paraded about the streets on a board by a Chinaman. This is the manner in which an exhibition, called the "Speaking Head," held in Wellington Street, is advertised. Our reporter, who has apparently visited the astounding wonder, says that the room in which the loquacious caput is on view, has no furniture whatever, excepting a common rickety round table, some straw being spread on the ground. The "Speaking Head" appears in a basin on the table. The spectators may ask it any questions and it answers accordingly. The "Head" speaks several languages, and simply astonishes, at all events, the Chinese visitors. One antiquated Celestial was heard to say that old as he was, he had never seen such a wondrous mystery, and he could not imagine how a trunckless head could speak. Large crowds of Chinese are attracted to the place, and it is needless to say that the adventurous promoters of the exhibition derive a good income. The deception is no doubt produced by the aid of a mirror, in the same manner as the "cabinet trick" is performed. In the latter trick the performer's body is concealed behind a mirror which reflects the opposite side of the cabinet, and thus gives it an "empty" appearance to the spectators in front.

A VERY close and exciting race for open sailing boats was sailed this afternoon, six boats coming to a starting place—viz.: Blackhead's Home, *Cavean*, Messrs Lane, Crawford & Head & Co., Messrs Lane, Crawford & Head, Mr. Bremner's, and the *Audacious*, launch. The course was as usual *cir*-mark-boats of Green Island and Chung Hue, and with a good Easterly wind the boats were sent away at 1h. 40m. *Cavean* ran to the front shortly after starting, followed closely by Lane, Crawford, the rest "all in a heap," *Audacious* bringing up the rear. Mr. Bremner's boat capsized in a squall, but help was soon at hand, and the boat was speedily righted, her crew none the worse for the mishap, barring being wet, and after a bit she was under way again, but of course was disengaged, although she went round the mark-boats and finished well, considering her long delay. *Cavean* rounded the Green Island mark at 2h. 5m. 31s., Lane, Crawford at 2h. 9m. 50s., Blackhead at 2h. 9m. 52s., Sailor's Home at 2h. 11m. 20s., and *Audacious* at 2h. 11m. 59s. In the reach across the little boats had as much wind as they wanted. Sailor's Home drawing up fast so long as the breeze held, but nearing Chung Hue, the wind fell lighter, and the smaller boats went away again. The Chung Huo mark was reached, *Cavean* at 2h. 34m. 10s., Blackhead 2h. 35m. 40s., Lane, Crawford 2h. 36m. 57s., Sailor's Home 2h. 37m. 21s., and *Audacious* 2h. 39m. 24s. All tacked after rounding, Sailor's Home and Blackhead going over to Hongkong shore, the others working the North shore and the middle of the harbour, and it

became evident that the finish would be a near thing. After a capital race Blackhead passed the line at 3h. 59m. 16s., Sailor's Home at 4h. 1m. 6s., Lane, Crawford at 4h. 3m. 11s., *Cavean* at 4h. 7m., *Audacious* at 4h. 17m. 62s., and Bremner at 4h. 30m. 22s.

THE following is the order of Service at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, September Sunday, 28th January, 1877:—

Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11.— Reader, The Colonial Chaplain; Preacher, The Rev. Edmund Davys; First Lesson, Genesis, i. and ii. to verse 4; Second Lesson, Revelation, xxxi. to verse 9; Venite, No. 6, Marcer; Te Deum, Oakley; Benedictus, No. 16, Mercer; First Hymn, "Jesus, meek and gentle," No. 194; Second Hymn, "The King of love, my shepherd is," No. 197.

Evening Prayer and Sermon at 4.— Reader, The Colonial Chaplain; Preacher, The Colonial Chaplain; First Lesson, Genesis, ii. from verse 4; Second Lesson, Revelation, xxxi. to xxxii. 6; Psalms, No. 102, Monk; Cantate Domino, No. 174, page 222 Monk; Deus Misericordia, No. 16, Monk; Anthem, "The Church's one foundation," No. 216 in Hymn Book; Hymn after Sermon, "As now the sun declineth rays," No. 18 in Hymn Book.

THE usual fortnightly Entertainment will take place at the Temperance Hall, Stanley Street, on Monday evening next, commencing at 8 past 8; admission will be free as hitherto. The following is the programme for the evening:—

- 1.—Song, "With the Sunshine and the Swallows."
- 2.—Recitation, "The Farmer and the Barister."
- 3.—Song, "Admiral Blake."
- 4.—Violin & Piano, "The Blue Bells of Scotland."
- 5.—Reading, "The Rev. H. Jenkins at the Penny Reading."
- 6.—Song.
- 7.—Reading, "An Irish Story."
- 8.—Violoncello and Piano.
- 9.—Reading, "The dream of Eugene Aram."
- 10.—Song and Chorus, "Sweet Evelina."

ABOUT half-past eight on Saturday night, says the *N. & D. News*, smoke was found issuing from a room on the premises of Messrs Kelly and Walsh, used as a store for tobacco, &c. A messenger was immediately despatched to the Central Police Station, and a couple of extinguishers sent to the place proved sufficient to extinguish the flames, which had burst out by the time they arrived and had burnt a hole in the floor nearly a yard square. The ignition was caused by some coals falling from a Chinese firepot, used for drying purposes.

Police Intelligence.
(Both Magistrates Sitting.)
27th January, 1877.

A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.
Lam Ayung, a coolie, was charged by Mr E. Barros, storekeeper at the Kowloon Docks, with being a suspicious character. He was found concealed in a cook-house, and he had been convicted before of stealing from the Dock. He was sent to one month's hard labour.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.
Ng Atai, a coolie, was again brought up for having in his possession two bundles which contained child's clothing, several pairs of old shoes, an umbrella and other articles of wear. He was suspected of being concerned in a burglary in the Mainland, but as no owner appeared to claim the things in spite of the efforts of the Police, he was convicted of unlawful possession and was fined £5, in default three months' hard labour.

LARCENY.
Li Ashing, a cook unemployed, was again brought up to answer the charge of robbing a bangle from the child of Mr. Humby. The case was remanded till this day for the Colonial Surgeon to examine whether the defendant was suffering from leprosy or not. Dr. Ayres reported that the man suffered from a skin disease that was liable to spread to other people, and was consequently not fit to be sent to Gaol, where there was no accommodation for such patients. Under the circumstances the Magistrate could only send him to his native place.

DISORDERLY.
Rudolph Rechillika and Martin Schriller, seamen on board the German man-of-war *Vestdavit*, were charged with making a disturbance in a house of ill-fame and breaking a partition therein. When P.C. No. 34 arrested the 1st defendant, the 2nd came to his rescue. The Constable thereupon tried to blow his whistle, but was prevented by the defendant, who broke the chain of the whistle which then fell on the ground. They were fined £1 each and to pay £1 each as amends for the damage they had caused.

BREACH OF THE JUNK ORDINANCE.
Mo Kun Tat, the master of a junk, was brought up on a Warrant before the Hon. O. May and Capt. Thomasset, R.M., Marine Magistrate, for a breach of Sections 18 and 14 of Ordinance No. 6 of 1866, in that he left the waters of Hongkong on the 28th October last without a clearance. The defendant had been cited to appear by a summons, but he did not do so and a warrant of apprehension was issued against him. He was arrested and was remanded till the 29th inst., but was admitted to bail in £300.

SURGERY.
Leong Aioi, a boatman, was arrested for having committed a burglary in the house of one Sir Aioi, at No. 94 Queen's Road West. Entry into the house was effected by the breaking of the fastenings of the trap door, and a quantity of clothing was stolen. The robbery was discovered by a night-woman who called at the house about 4 a.m. when she saw a man run out of the house. An alarm was given and pursuit made, but the man escaped, though he left behind him some of the things stolen. The defendant was afterwards seen by Police Sergeant Perry near the Sailors' Home Wharf, as he was hauling a boat. It appeared very bulky and the Sergeant

suspected him and took him to the Station where he confessed to the robbery. He was proved to have been in Gaol before, and was committed for trial.

DISEASED MEAT.
Hop Sing, licensee of stall No. 103 Central Market, was summoned by Inspector Urley for selling diseased beef which was unfit for human food. From the evidence it appeared that the defendant sold a piece of beef to an employee of the contractor, who supplied the Civil Hospital with provisions, and it was roasted, but when it was served on Dr. Wharry's table, it was discovered on Dr. Wharry's table, it was discovered that the smell was not that of decomposition, but that of decompositon. As to this the Doctor was certain. Ho Ato, market man employed by Ruston & Co., contractor for the Hospital, proved the purchase of the beef at the defendant's stall. It weighed 8 lbs and cost 8d per lb. The contract price allowed by the Hospital was 10 cents a lb. The case was adjourned till Tuesday next, the defendant being admitted to personal bail in £150.

SKETCHES AT SINGAPORE.

We take the following from "My Ocean Log" in the *Gentleman's Magazine*:—

It was very interesting to me to visit the gaol, under the guidance of one of the magistrates, and to see the prisoners printing in English, Chinese, and Malay, weaving blankets, making superb rattan wickerwork, and working in the most orderly manner at all the common trades. A few were "in" for piracy, some for assault, the majority for theft. This latter assertion, of course,

is the same as saying that the majority are low-class Chinamen. Some of our good reformatory workers at home would have been gratified beyond measure at the excellent way in which the institution is worked. The prisoners up to the present time have been housed—one might almost say caged—in common sheds and dormitories. Now, under the presence of pressure from without, the separate system is to be tried, and solitary cells are being built. The men, especially the Malays, are generally very tractable. All being in chains, the prisoners move about with the old-fashioned clank-clank familiar to the present generation in England only on the mela-dramatic stage. Out of 620 prisoners there were only two women (not bad for a set of heathens), and the few prisoners in the European quarter were soldiers and sailors who had been overtaken by the low grottoes (there are by far too many of these) into the commission of minor misdemeanors. Formerly there were not more than half a dozen European warders to manage this large prison, to which perhaps it should be mentioned are brought long sentence men from other portions of the Straits Settlements.

Last year there was an outbreak, and Mr Dent, the superintendent, was murdered. The plot was, no doubt hatched in the common dormitory, in the gangs, and for a wonder the conspirators united sufficiently to effect their purpose, a fact to be noted when it is known that the Chinese and Malays have different languages of their own, and that the Chinese and Malays have no fervid love for each other. Many readers may dimly remember the story as briefly told in the English newspapers at the time, but I cannot call to mind that one particular incident was included in the account. I will give it for the benefit of the author of any projected work on "The Days of Women." Name has been acquired by less worthy pretences.

For a while on the fatal evening it seemed as if the prisoners would overcome and, of course, massacre the authorities, and overrun the town. The final obstacle to their complete success was ultimately found in a corner of the prison area defended by Mr. Lamb, an English or rather Scotch warden, who throughout behaved splendidly. He conceived and promptly put in action the bold idea of calling to his assistance and arming the handful of European prisoners under confinement in another part of the ground. The project answered thoroughly. Pending its execution, however, Mrs. Lamb undertook the defence of a certain central door against which the howling mob of natives was concentrating all their fury and strength. The plucky woman seized a sword, and hacked and slashed at the naked feet and hands of the foes as often as they appeared through the space between the bottom of the door and the ground. The breaking down of this barrier was expected every moment, but Mrs. Lamb never flinched from the post or relaxed her attacks, and the good women's bravery gave her husband time to bring up his reinforcement. The manoeuvre was so effective that when the Brigade Major, who happened to be the senior military officer within call, or on requisition from the Commissioners of Police, hastened to the prison with what troops were then virtually over. More than a dozen prisoners had been shot down, and others were in custody, to be afterwards hanged or sentenced. The justices petitioned the Home Government to reward Mr. Lamb's services by a small annuity, but so far as I could hear no response has yet been sent out to this very reasonable suggestion. Of course such an oversight at the Colonial Office (if the petition has not already been granted) is an accident. Anyhow Lamb and his courageous wife were mainly instrumental in checking what might have been a most dangerous outbreak of murderous criminals.

The Botanical Gardens are situated at Tenglin, about three miles from Singapore and the drive over perfect roads, with beautiful tropical scenery on either side, and here and there glimpses of jungle, in a treat no passing stranger should miss. The gardens owned by the Hon. Mr. Whampoa, the wealthy Chinese merchant recently invested with the order of St. Michael and St. George, should also be seen, both because of the rare plants and trees cultivated there, and the quaint Chinese devices into which many of the shrubs had been clipped. The pretty orange-colored flower which so profusely covers the hedges everywhere, in perfume and formation somewhat resembling our heliotrope, is a common jungle flower.

Near the town, on your return from the gardens, look out for the Bengal washermen in the middle of the stream provided for them; you will then understand why your linen comes home so oddly perforated with unmentionable holes. The small plantation of sugar-canes fringing the highway so prettily in evidence of the sweet tooth of the country; every other native you meet in the evening is munching his portion of cane, for which he has paid some decimal portion of a farthing. As you drive to your quarters at night, the birds being silent and the lizards at rest, the insects are loud in concert in the hedge, gardens, and jungle, and the music may be heard high above the shrill rattle of the gharri. It will be necessary to look carefully after your mosquito curtains, and to be at all times prepared for really elegant little lizards running up the wall, or a brown-winged cockroach, not much less than two inches long, scampering across your dressing-table.

No doubt there are very strange fish in the sea; stranger than any of which we have at present heard, read, or imagined. Allowing a wide margin—not a dot less than 50 per cent.—for travellers' tales, this is a conclusion forced upon a thoughtful observer thrown into the society of persons who live on the ocean. Whatever we may be provoked into saying in our haste, it is not true that all men are liars, and I have heard sufficient of late to lead me to believe that the extraordinary stories of what is hidden in the depths of the sea, in the quiet fathomless hollows never disturbed by the storms that agitate the upper world, are not so strange as might be told upon a plain statement of facts. Of beasts and birds there is probably known as much as it is possible to gather, but he would be a bold man who would say the same of fishes. When it is gravely stated (and I have just heard the full narrative, so-called) that a stout ship was within the past three years pulled over and under by some many-armed devourer in the Indian Ocean, seamen wink and laugh; yet if you ask them whether they actually deny the existence of the Great Sea Serpent, they confess that they nurse a half belief in the monster. Why should there not be such creatures? They demand. Verily, why not? If not very probable this thing is, in their opinion, not at all impossible.

This paragraph I indited at Singapore, after a visit to the fish market at dawn, one delicious morning. Something of the pictorial wonders of the Malayan waters I had myself seen, watching the natives fishing from the wharves; much more I heard from a certain English youth in the town. He certainly drew the long bow with something of the genius of a Munchausen.

"Did you ever shoot an Argus pheasant?" I asked him, upon his telling me that he had often been at Mount Ophir, the notable summit of which, though forty miles in the interior of the Peninsula, is such a conspicuous object from the Malacca roadstead, and which is famous for its rare birds and wonderful forms.

"Lots of 'em," he readily answered. "But talking of pheasants," he broke off at a volatile tangent, "we were lying off the coast of Borneo one morning, and by my word I went ashore and shot two hundred and thirty birds before breakfast; two hundred and thirty, sir, besides seven deer."

Naturally (as if I thoroughly believed the statement) I remarked that this was sport, and no mistake.

"It was so," he modestly admitted. "I had three black boys loading guns for me, and when I got back to the boat my hands were so knotted to pieces that I could not pull an oar. The fellows on that account upset the boat."

"A good look-out for the sharks," I hinted.

"You talk of sharks.—See, sir, I'll tell you what: I was once off the coast of West Australia, and we killed a shark. I dare say you won't believe it now, but we got a ton of pure oil out of the liver—a ton, every drop of it. I'd never have believed it if I had not seen it myself."

In short a strenuous countryman narrated his adventures, mingling with the stories of the shark, which applied equally to the Singapore fish market that I determined to explore it before the sun was up, and the fish either spoilt by the heat, or sold for breakfast consumption.

A morning drive in the tropics is delightful. The night has been close, and the mosquitoes (confound them!) numerous and warlike. In spite of the carefully-adjusted curtains, some of these dreadful pests somehow contrive to reach you, and after worrying you by their shrill brazen trumpeting they seize the precise moment of your dropping asleep to make an attack in force. You have to toss restlessly, and perspire with amazing freedom; you have in the dark hours sneezed and wished it were morning. Bath and coffee before daybreak, however, pull you together, and the early cheroot is luxury indeed. Therefore you forgive, if you do not forget, the detested insects that have left their traces upon your wrists and foreheads. Early as you may rise, there will be natives astir before you, and Europeans also taking their morning saunter before the sun has climbed high in the heavens. Vegetation is fresh with dew; you can look abroad upon the world without the painful glare of a later hour. In lines remembered not without mingled feelings of pleasure, Isaac Watts, D.D., sets forth the profits and delights of early rising. These Malays and Chinese are of one mind with him. The little shops and bazaars are all open, and toiling back from the market, their copper-hued and oleaginous hides glistening in the young sunlight, come the itinerant vendors of fruit and fish. The man of means is followed by his "boy" bearing an assortment of garden produce—fruits and vegetables mostly strange to Englishmen. In the groves, sloping birds (they are few in number, however) gallantly answer each other's hymn of joy. The Malay children, in Nature's cheap garb, laugh and play with a vivacity very foreign to their natural gravity of demeanor. That indescribable smell, half-incessant, half-savage, peculiar to all Oriental quarters has not yet distilled in full effervescence. A fresh invigorating breeze from the sea fans your face. Wherefore a morning drive in the tropics should be keenly enjoyed.

Though the Chinese coolies prefer their fish dried, and to our taste doubly high, there is a large consumption of fresh fish amongst the native population. The Singapore Billingsgate I accordingly found to be a lively and interesting place, and quite lacking the attributes which have made our great London fish market proverbial. These untutored people run a-muck occasionally, I presume, like other folks, but as a rule they are quiet and courteous to everyone. The fish were carefully classified in heaps upon the wooden floor of the wholesale kept sheds.

The marketing housewife at home judiciously regards the lordly salmon and the delicious trout as the highest objects of flaunting desire; at Singapore they bestow their best affection upon sharks. In the shops in another portion of the town there were to be seen dried, cured, and pickled in a variety of ways, all manner of sharkish delicacies. Squatting on the edge of a gutter, and busily at work with sharp sticks, rice, and fish all hot, a number of natives watched with zest the cutting up of a hammet-headed shark about four feet long which had just been landed, barely dead, from a steamer. The operator first made the

brute, across the head with a keen-edged knife, to remove any doubt upon the question whether the ugly customer had given up the ghost. Then he removed the fins, then cut out a few choice outlets; at this stage a hungry eyed Chinaman purchased quite a large slab, and bore it away in triumph. I had always imagined that this queer specimen of the shark genus was too tough and nasty for table purposes, but one has to learn many things in travelling. The real *bonne bouche* seemed to be a very juvenile member of the white shark family. There were scores of them for sale, and those who could not afford to buy surveyed them with watering mouths.

Fourteen strange fish I could make nothing of. They were of all shapes, and frequently, even after death, of every color of the rainbow. One fish was carp-shaped, and of a gamboge color, weighing perhaps fourteen or fifteen pounds. Some were striped like zebras; one was tinted with the shades of the maiden-blush rose. I saw a fish that was almost square in shape; some that were all eyes, some all teeth. Spots carmine, spots orange, and spots blue and green jewelled the broad sides of others. Here lay a heap of silvery fry next kin to our own whitetail; there fish that a boy could scarcely carry. But somehow they were all, to my mind, suspicious in appearance, having nothing in common, so far as moral character goes, with the sheepish roach, gentlemanly grayling, cavalier trout, kindly salmon, or sportive dace of temperate climes. And after I had feasted my eyes upon the collection I went back to my gharri, very glad because of my own ignorance of the science which could have given these singular fish local habitation and names.

One afternoon a hideous Chinawoman, who used to angle every day with heavily-lined line and stout brass wire hook, caught a great fish close to the shipping. It was an oval fish, something like a John Dory, but coated with fine gold, and it was a singular coincidence that I should there and then recognise amongst the spectators a well-known official of the Bank of England, that very day arrived from England, on his way to spend his holiday in Brisbane. I say it was a coincidence, for when I had last seen him he was conducting me through the treasure houses of Threadneedle-street, and tantal

POSTAL RATES.

[Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmission of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.]

HONGKONG Rates of Postage.

(Revised Sept. 1st, 1876.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per four ounces, unless otherwise stated.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

(Br.) means By British Packet; (Fr.) by French Packet; (U.S.) by United States Packet. D. P. means Double Postage; C. P., cannot be paid; O. S., cannot be sent; L., at Letter Rate. N. R. No Registration.

LOCAL AND TOWN POSTAGE.

	Letters.	Registration.	Newspapers.	Books & Patterns.	Per 4 oz.
Within any Town or Settlement, or between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction,	2	8	2	2	
Between any other two of the following places (through a British Office) viz.:—Hongkong, Macao, Ports of China and Japan, Bangkok, Saigon, and the Philippines, by Private Ship,	4	8	2	2	
Between the above by Contract Mail,	8	8	2	4	

RATES BY PRIVATE STEAMERS.

To the United Kingdom, see Table given below. To all other places (to which the vessel is going) the Rates, which must be prepaid, except when the address is to India, are,.....

*See Tables below.

INDIA.—By Indian Mail prepayment is optional. Short paid letters are treated as wholly unpaid. By Private Ship correspondence cannot be prepaid. By British and French Packet prepayment is compulsory. Letters cannot be prepaid through to India by every French Packet, but only by each alternate one. By the others they are Paid to Galle only, and should be so marked, going on from Galle as unpaid.

Strait, U. S. Packet, Australia, &c., E. Africa, St. Helena, Ascension.

LETTERS.—United States (U. S.), Singapore, Penang, India, Ceylon, Aden, 8 cents.

Except India, Ceylon, and Aden, by French Packet, 12 cents.

Batavia, 12; Saigon, and Pondicherry, (Fr.) 12; New Caledonia, Tunis, Tangiers, (Fr.) 36.

Egypt, (Br.) 12, (Fr.) 24.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Zanzibar (N. R.), Natal, Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Mauritius, 24.

REGISTRATION, 8 cents, except Straits, Batavia, India, Aden, Egypt (Br.), Australia, &c., 12; Saigon, Pondicherry, Egypt (Fr.), double postage.

NEWSPAPERS (to all the above places) 2 cents.

BOOKS AND PATTERNS, 6 cents, except W. Africa, 8; for French Offices cannot be paid.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Zanzibar, &c., 1 oz., 2 cents; 2 oz., 4 cents; every 4 oz., 8 cents.

The United Kingdom.

Superscription.				
via	Letters.	Books & Patterns.		
	Papers.	Every 1 oz.	2 oz.	4 oz.
Brindisi (Br.),	28	4	4	8
Marseilles (Fr.),	24	4	2	4
Southampton (Br.),	24	2	2	4
By Priv. Steamer	22	4	4	8
" via Brindisi	22	4	4	8

Registration Fee, 8 cents.

Continent, &c. of Europe.	Letters.	Registration.	Newspapers.	Books & Patterns.
Austria, Germany, Hungary, (Br.) via Brindisi, 18	12	4	10	
(Br.) via Trieste, 22	12	4	10	
(Fr.) via Marilles, 36	D.P.	O.P.	O.P.	
Belgium, Denmark, Faroe Is., Heligoland, Holland, Iceland, Roumania, Serbia, Switzerland, (Br.) via Brindisi, 18	12	4	10	
(Br.) via Trieste, 24	12	6	14	
(Fr.) via Marilles, 36	D.P.	O.P.	O.P.	
France and Algeria, 24	D.P.	O.P.	O.P.	
Italy, 14	12	2	6	
(Fr.) via Brindisi, 36	D.P.	O.P.	O.P.	
Spain, 24	None	4	1	
Via Gibraltar, 24	None	4	1	
" Brindisi, 36	D.P.	O.P.	O.P.	
" Marseilles, 36	D.P.	O.P.	O.P.	
" Southampton, 24	None	8	14	
Portugal & Azores, Via Gibraltar, 24	None	4	1	
" Brindisi, 36	D.P.	O.P.	O.P.	
" Marseilles, 36	D.P.	O.P.	O.P.	
" Southampton, 24	None	8	14	
Gibraltar, (Br.) via Brindisi, 24	8	4	8	
" Marseilles, 36	D.P.	O.P.	O.P.	
" Southampton, 24	16	6	12	
Gibraltar, (Br.) via Brindisi, 24	8	4	8	
Turkey, 24	None	4	1	
British Office, 24	8	2	4	
Austrian Office, 24	12	4	16	
French Office, 24	D.P.	3	16	
Greece, 24	None	O.P.	O.P.	
Malta (Br.)	8	8	4	

Every newspaper must be so folded, as to admit of the title being readily inscribed.

A newspaper or packet of newspapers which contains any enclosure except supplements is charged as a letter, unless the enclosure be such as might be sent at the book rate of postage, and the entire packet be sufficiently prepaid as a book packet, in which case it is allowed to pass.

A newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter.

No packet of newspapers may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one in depth.

A book-packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters), photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass or any like substance), drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing upon; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached; as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, pens or pencils in the case of pocket-books, &c., and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertaining thereto; but the binding, rollers, &c., must not be sent as a separate packet.

Circulars,—i.e., letters which are intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is printed, engraved, or lithographed,—may also be sent by book post.

But a book-packet may not contain any

letter, or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise), unless it be a circular-letter or be wholly printed; nor any enclosure sealed or in any way closed against inspection; nor any other enclosure not allowed by Rule 3. If this rule be infringed, the entire packet is charged as a letter.

A book-packet may be posted, either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination; otherwise it is treated as a letter. For the greater security of the contents, however, it may be tied at the ends with string; Postmasters being authorised to cut the string in such cases, although if they do so they must again tie up the packet.

No book-packet may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above 24 inches in length, 12 inches in width, or 12 inches in depth, unless it be sent to or from one of the Government offices.

When owing to a great and unusual influx of letters, books, &c., the transmission or delivery of the letters would be delayed if the whole mail were dealt with without distinction, book-packets may be kept back till the next despatch or delivery.

The limit of size for a book-packet addressed to any place abroad is 24 inches in length and 12 inches in width or depth.

Exceptions.—No packet for Algeria, Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, France, Madeira, or Portugal, or for Egypt, Syria, or Turkey, when sent by French Packet, must be above 18 inches in length, width, or depth.

PATTERNS.

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and foreign countries is restricted to *bond fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise*. Goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actual patterns or samples, are not admissible.

Patterns or samples, when practicable, must be sent in covers open at the ends, and in such a manner as to be easy of examination. But samples of seeds, drugs, and such like articles, which cannot be sent in covers of this kind,—but such articles may be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags of linen, or other material, fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened; or, in the case of seeds, &c., for the United States of America, Holland, and its possessions, Belgium, Denmark, and Greece, Portugal, and its possessions, and Switzerland, in bags entirely closed, provided such closed bags are transparent, so as to enable the Officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

There must be no writing or printing upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles.

Samples of intrinsic value must not be sent to any foreign country, except United States; and in the case of France samples of dried, raw or thread silk, woolen or goat's hair, thread, vanilla, saffron, carmine, or lingers, are considered to fall under this rule if they weigh more than three ounces, and up to this weight raw and spun silk, as well as coloured and twisted silk, may be sent to Germany.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bag or Boxes, or the possession of any Officer of the Post Office, is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz.: Metal boxes, porcelain, glass, cutlery, pins, pieces of machinery, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, curry combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all kinds.

Such articles as scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nail-keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bag, and to the Officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples to the following countries, but to these alone: viz., the Azores, Belgium, Cape de Verd Islands, Denmark, Moldavia, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, Wallachia, and the British Colonies.

Indigo cannot be sent to any place abroad. The Post Office will be called to strict account. Sent in *unregistered* letters, valuable articles are exposed to risk, and offer a temptation which ought not to be created; and the Department cannot in any way undertake the safe conveyance of such packets.

A packet of patterns or samples sent to the Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, France, Madeira, Portugal, or by French packet, to Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, must not exceed 18 inches in length, width, or depth; a packet to any other place abroad, must not exceed 24 inches in length or 12 inches in width or depth.

To provide the greatest possible facilities for posting Correspondence for Europe, &c., up to the latest moment before the departure of the French Packets, arrangements have been made for receiving at the Post Office late letters for Singapore, Saigon, and the United Kingdom only from 11.10 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. Each letter must bear a late fee of 18 cents extra postage.

The above arrangement is intended to meet occasional emergencies, and not for the regular posting of extensive correspondence. Should it be found, therefore, that large and unmanageable numbers of letters are habitually thrown upon the Department at the last moment, a heavier late fee will be imposed.

A similar supplementary Mail will be made up for Shanghai by the English and French Contract Steamers, the late letters being received from 10 minutes after, up to half an hour after the time of closing. The late fee will also be 18 cents.

Arrangements have been made to sell American Stamp at this Office, for the

convenience of those who may wish to post the Pacific Route to Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below.

For the present no large quantities of these Stamps can be supplied, nor is it undertaken that every denomination can be kept in hand.

The charge for Registry is 8 cents in Hongkong Stamps, and 10 cents in U.S. Stamps to those places only the names of which are printed in Italics. To all the other places named correspondence cannot be registered through, but only to San Francisco (8 cents).

The following are the charges on correspondence thus sent:

Per half ounce.	Hongkong	U.S.
Stamps	Stamps	Stamps

Canada, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Vancouver's Island, Bahamas, Nassau, New Providence, &c.,

Aspinwall, Bermuda, Bogota, Cartagena, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Fiji, Greenland, Jamaica, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, West Indies,

Hawaii, Newfoundland, Guatemala, Mexico, Salvador, Venezuela,

Belize, Guyana, Surinam, Honduras, and the British West Indies,

Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, and Peru,

Brazil,

Argentina, Confederation, Buenos Ayres, Paraguay, Uruguay,

Costa Rica,

Honduras,

El Salvador,

Guatemala,

Honduras,

Nicaragua,

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor. age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Arratoon Apçar	2 1/2	Peters	Brit. str.	995	Jan. 21	Siemssen & Co.	Manila	
Bomby	5 1/2	Smith	Brit. str.	849	Jan. 21	4 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	
François I.	3 1/2	Lecachour	Foh. str.	1131	Jan. 18	Ah Yon	Saigon	30th, 4 p.m.
Guelo	3 1/2	Kidley	Brit. str.	1712	Jan. 16	16 O. & O. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & San F'eloso	1st prox.
Gunja	3 1/2	Garcean	Foh. str.	797	Jan. 24	Order		
Rajanathianuhar	2 1/2	Hopkins	Brit. str.	934	Jan. 21	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	31st, daylight
Shada	4 1/2	.....	Brit. str.	37	Dec. 17	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	
Yesso	5 1/2	Punchard	Brit. str.	559	Jan. 26	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	30th, daylight
Yottung	2 1/2	.....	Brit. str.	324	June	9 Kwok Acheong	Repairing	
Sailing Vessels								
Antioch	4 1/2	Merrill	Amer. bge.	646	Dec. 18	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Auguste	4 1/2	Thomas	Brit. 3m.s.	210	Dec. 23	Meyer & Co.		
Bertha	3 1/2	Ringie	Ger. bge.	442	Jan. 26	Wieler & Co.		
Brena	4 1/2	Impo	Ger. bge.	380	Dec. 26	Wieler & Co.		
Bridgetown	2 1/2	Crisp	Brit. bge.	388	Dec. 21	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Haiphong	29th inst.
Bonito	2 1/2	Steinh	Ger. bge.	341	Jan. 27	Edward Schellhass & Co.	London	
Bua Chao	2 1/2	Lange	Siam bge.	338	Jan. 26	Chinese		
Ceylon	4 1/2	Kelly	Amer. bge.	681	Jan. 5	Captain		
Charité	3 1/2	Hervé	Foh. bge.	266	Jan. 26	Carlowitz & Co.	Manila	To-day
Cheng Soon	2 1/2	Cheng Sang	Siam bge.	200	April 30	Chinese		
Cooran	5 1/2	Vincent	Amer. sch.	.....	.....	Insurance Company	London	
Colombo	1 1/2	Heuer	Brit. bge.	384	Dec. 13	Captain Sands	off Sands' Slip	
Corinne	3 1/2	.....	Brit. bge.	396	Oct. 26	Wieler & Co.		
Cutwater	3 1/2	Oreelman	Amer. sch.	987	Dec. 8	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Edward James	4 1/2	O'Brien	Amer. bge.	529	Jan. 9	Rozario & Co.		
England's Glory	4 1/2	Knight	Brit. bge.	761	Dec. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Fortune	2 1/2	Soderstrom	Siam bge.	447	Dec. 27	Chinese	Bangkok	Cleared
Friedrich	8 1/2	Uldorup	Ger. bge.	672	Jan. 13	Siemens & Co.	Tientsin	
Gustav Adolf	3 1/2	Neumann	Ger. bge.	272	Dec. 28	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Channel for orders	Cleared
Hansa	4 1/2	Denecken	Ger. bge.	499	Dec. 28	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Humboldt	8 1/2	Stoll	Ger. bge.	380	Jan. 10	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Loiterer	7 1/2	Vincent	Amer. sch.	45	Aug. 15	Insurance Cos.		
Lucky	2 1/2	Michaelsen	Siam bge.	424	Jan. 9	Chinese	Bangkok	
Lunre	2 1/2	Colberg	Siam bge.	432	Jan. 16	Chinese	Saigon	
Marquis of Argyll	4 1/2	McKeon	Brit. bge.	560	Dec. 22	Rozario & Co.		
Morning Star	2 1/2	Edhefson	Siam bge.	570	Jan. 4	Chinese		
Mount Lebanon	1 1/2	Hall	Brit. 3m.s.	530	Jan. 5	Melchers & Co.		
Nehemiv Gibson	3 1/2	Bradford	Amer. bge.	741	Jan. 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Nuevivo Constante	2 1/2	Uviante	Span. sch.	202	Jan. 5	Remedios & Co.		
Presto	2 1/2	Laidman	Brit. bge.	384	Dec. 21	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Rapid	2 1/2	Hunte	Brit. bge.	428	Jan. 22	Chinese		
Red Riding Hood	8 1/2	Robertson	Span. bge.	720	Jan. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Manila	To-day
San Lorenzo	4 1/2	Pico	Brit. bge.	222	Dec. 22	Remedios & Co.		
Spirit of the Age	4 1/2	Johnson	Brit. bge.	347	Jan. 10	Captain	San Francisco	
Star of China	2 1/2	Blaker	Brit. bge.	784	Jan. 21	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Sumatra	3 1/2	Orough	Amer. sch.	1071	Oct. 21	Russell & Co.		
Telegraph	8 1/2	Berendsen	Siam bge.	327	Jan. 2	Russell & Co.		
Unanima	4 1/2	Cain	Brit. bge.	746	Dec. 31	Russell & Co.	New York v. W'pos	
Vidal	1 1/2	Rondoan	Foh. bge.	409	Jan. 5	Melchers & Co.	Sands' Slip off Sands' Slip	
Wm. Phillips	1 1/2	Healy	Am. 3m.s.	592	Dec. 5	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Singapore	
Wodon	8 1/2	Meyer	Ger. bge.	459	Jan. 26	Russell & Co.		
Yarn	3 1/2	Osborn	Brit. bge.	463	Dec. 16	Wieler & Co.		
WHAMPOA								
Christian	.....	Stelir	Ger. sch.	280	Jan. 18	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Tamsui	
Vesta	.....	Dirks	Ger. bge.	802	Jan. 18	Melchers & Co.		
CANTON								
Pau Tah	.....	Patterson	Chi. str.	870	Jan. 24	G. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor. age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Audacious	6 h	British	iron-clad (flag-ship)	6750	14	800	Dec. 6	Columb
Egeria	6 h	British	steam sloop	890	4	600	Dec. 18	A. L. Douglas
Fly	6 h	British	gun vessel	484	4	120	Dec. 12	John Bruce
Lily	6 h	British	gun vessel	700	3	95	Jan. 11	B. E. Cochrane
Luisa	6 c	German	corvette	1308	6	.....	Dec. 19	Ditmar
Meanees	6 k	British	military hospital	2691	.....	.....	.....	.....
Midge	6 h	British	gunboat	465	4	120	Dec. 19	H. Salmon
Peng-chau-hai	6 h	Chinese	gunboat	600	5	400	Jan. 25	C. H. Palmer
Sheldrake	6 h	British	gunboat	455	4	60	Dec. 25	Lieut. James B. Haye
Swinger	7 h	British	gun vessel	408	.....	.....	Jan. 24	Lieut.-com. E. A. Bolitho
Sylvia	7 h	British	surveying vessel	595	2	100	Jan. 15	H. C. St. John
Tejo	2 h	Portug.	gun vessel	444	2	100	Jan. 8	F. Amaro
Victor Emanuel	6 c	British	Commodore's flag-ship	3087	2	250	Jan. 16	F. Commodore Watson
Vigilant	6 h	British	despatch vessel	650	2	250	Jan. 16	H. C. D. Ryder
Yang Woo	5 c	Chinese	corvette	1400	.....	.....	Jan. 19	P. P. Luxmore, C.B., R.N.

HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER STEAMERS.

Name.	Zons.	Captain.	Owners.	Name.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Commander.
Fei Wan	1 1/2	Stopani	H. & W'pos Dock Co.	An-lan	431	7	.....	J. Godsil
Ihang	7 1/2	Martin	H. O. & M. S. boat Co.	Chen-jui	23	1	.....	E. F. Collins
Kin Shan	4 1/2	Benning, A.	Butterfield and Swire	Ching-po	160	.....	.....	Wan Lum Wan
Kiu Kiang	6 1/2	Benning, T.	H. C. & M. S. boat Co.	Ching-alng	.....	.....	.....	E. C. Choy
Lin-tin	6 1/2	.....	.....	Chun-hai	230	6	.....	.....
Power	1 1/2	.....	.....	Peng-chau-hai	600	5	400	C. H. Palmer
Sir J. Jeejeebhoy	10 1/2	Hawkins	H. O. & M. S. boat Co.	Quong-on				